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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Senate Joint Resolution Concerning the Office of  
Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP)

1. Attached for your information is a copy of S.J. Res. 191 directing that the OFPP review certain Department of Defense Procurement practices and procedures and to report on same to the Congress.


2. Joint resolutions (which S.J. Res. 191 is) require joint passage and Presidential approval just as legislative bills do. We will continue to follow the progress of, and report on, this resolution as appropriate.

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# S. J. RES. 191

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BYRD introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

# JOINT RESOLUTION

To require the Office of Federal Procurement Policy to review certain procurement practices and procedures of the Department of Defense and to report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the Congress.

1        *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

## 3 SHORT TITLE

SECTION 1. This Act should be cited as the “Department of Defense Procurement Efficiency Reporting Act”.

## 1           STUDY OF WEAPON SYSTEMS SPARE PARTS

## 2           PROCUREMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

3           SEC. 2. (a) Not later than June 1, 1984, the Office of  
4 Federal Procurement Policy (hereinafter in this section re-  
5 ferred to as the "Office") shall review the procurement prac-  
6 tices, regulations, and reform proposals and programs of the  
7 Department of Defense relating to the procurement of spare  
8 parts for weapon systems and shall transmit to the Congress  
9 a report on the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of  
10 the Office relating to such matters. The report shall include  
11 (1) an evaluation of the adequacy of the reform proposals and  
12 programs to promote practices and the development of direc-  
13 tives which will achieve control of costs, economy, and effi-  
14 ciency in the procurement of such spare parts and (2) such  
15 recommendations for legislation with respect to the procure-  
16 ment of such spare parts as the Office considers appropriate.

17          (b)(1) The Secretary of Defense shall furnish to the  
18 Office such information on the practices, regulations, and  
19 reform proposals and programs of the Department of Defense  
20 relating to the procurement of spare parts for weapon sys-  
21 tems as the Office considers necessary to carry out subsection  
22 (a).

23          (2) The Inspector General of the Department of Defense  
24 shall furnish to the Office such information on the practices of  
25 the Department of Defense in procuring spare parts for

1 weapon systems as the Inspector General acquires during his  
2 audits of such practices and the Office considers necessary to  
3 carry out subsection (a).

4 (c) The Inspector General of the Department of Defense  
5 shall have reasonable opportunity to review and comment on  
6 the report required by subsection (a) before the report is  
7 transmitted to the Congress. The comments of the Inspector  
8 General shall be included in such report.

9 PROCUREMENT PRACTICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
10 DEFENSE AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR

11 SEC. 3. (a)(1) Not later than February 1, 1984, the  
12 Office of Federal Procurement Policy (hereinafter in this sec-  
13 tion referred to as the "Office") shall review the procurement  
14 actions of the Department of Defense during the one-week  
15 period ending September 30, 1983, and transmit to the Con-  
16 gress a report on such review as provided in paragraph (2).  
17 In carrying out the preceding sentence, the Office shall  
18 review the regulations and administrative and managerial  
19 guidelines applicable to procurement actions of the Depart-  
20 ment of Defense during the final quarter of a fiscal year.

21 (2) The report required by paragraph (1) shall include  
22 (A) the number and dollar amount of contracts and purchases  
23 which were made by the Department of Defense during the  
24 one-week period referred to in paragraph (1), (B) the findings  
25 and conclusions of the Office on whether the Department of

1 Defense had a bona fide need for the property or services  
2 procured by each such contract and purchase, (C) a list of the  
3 contracts and purchases which were made by the Depart-  
4 ment of Defense during such period without formal advertis-  
5 ing, including the dollar amount of each such contract or pur-  
6 chase, (D) a list of the contracts and purchases made by the  
7 Department of Defense during such period after soliciting  
8 bids or proposals from only one source, including the dollar  
9 amount of each such contract and purchase, (E) each justifi-  
10 cation for making each contract and purchase included in the  
11 list under clause (C) or (D) without formal advertising or so-  
12 liciting bids or proposals from more than one source, (F) the  
13 findings and conclusions of the Office on whether any regula-  
14 tion or administrative or managerial guideline reviewed pur-  
15 suant to paragraph (1) (including the requirements of Office  
16 of Federal Procurement Policy letter numbered 81-1) were  
17 violated in making any of the contracts or purchases re-  
18 viewed pursuant to paragraph (1), and (G) such recommenda-  
19 tions for legislation and administrative actions relating to the  
20 procurement practices of the Department of Defense as the  
21 Office considers appropriate to assure economy and efficiency  
22 in procurement actions by the Department of Defense during  
23 the final quarter of a fiscal year.

24 (b)(1) The Secretary of Defense shall furnish to the  
25 Office such information on the procurement actions of the

1 Department of Defense and the regulations and administra-  
2 tive and managerial guidelines applicable to such actions as  
3 the Office considers necessary to carry out subsection (a).

4 (2) The Inspector General of the Department of Defense  
5 shall furnish to the Office such information on the procure-  
6 ment actions of the Department of Defense and the regula-  
7 tions and administrative and managerial guidelines applicable  
8 to such actions as the Inspector General has acquired and the  
9 Office considers necessary to carry out subsection (a).

10 (3) The Comptroller General of the United States shall  
11 furnish to the Office such information on the procurement  
12 actions of the Department of Defense and the regulations and  
13 administrative and managerial guidelines applicable to such  
14 actions as the Comptroller General has acquired and the  
15 Office considers necessary to carry out subsection (a).

16 (4) Each official furnishing information to the Office  
17 under paragraph (1), (2), or (3) shall include with such infor-  
18 mation all information furnished by such official to the Con-  
19 gress, any committee of the Congress, or any Member of the  
20 Congress relating to the procurement actions required by  
21 subsection (a) to be reviewed by the Office.

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